

THE BRITISH ARMY.
THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ARMY.

The Annual Report of the Inspector-General of Recruiting has been issued. From this it appears that the effective

strength of the Regular Army was increased during the past year by 9,930 non-commissioned officers and men; there was, however, a decrease of 3,207 in the numbers of the First Class Army Reserve, and of 1,884 in the Militia strength. Consider-

ing the prosperous condition of the labour market and the large demands of the Navy, the Inspector-General thinks the results of

A large augmentation in the establishment of the Army was authorised during the past year, the total numbers provided for in the Army Estimates for 1898-99 for regimental establishments (including India) being 215,680 rank and file, as compared

with 190,001 for the preceding year, showing a total increase of 20,185 rank and file. Although the whole of this increased establishment was included in the Estimate for 1898-99, it was decided that the augmentations were to be carried out gradually and spread over a series of years, consequently the actual establishment of the Army at the commencement of the present year consisted of only 204,325 rank and file. The contemplated additions to the regimental establishments, when fully com-

—namely, Foot Guards (two battalions)—3rd batt. Coldstream Guards, 3rd batt. Scots Guards, Infantry of the Line (seven battalions)—3rd batt. Royal Warwickshire

Regt., 4th batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
3rd batt. Royal Fusiliers, 4th batt. Royal
Fusiliers, 3rd batt. Lancashire Fusiliers
4th batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, 2nd batt.
Cameron Highlanders, Royal Artillery

town Field batteries, alayan Garrison companies. Colonial Corps—3rd bat. West India Regt., West African Regt., Chinese Regt. of Infantry.

During the past year an important change has been made in the way of increasing the number of troops in the Indian Regt. of the Line for three years with the Colours and nine years with the Reserve. It is now received an increase of 8d. to 1s. daily emoluments on becoming efficient soldiers, provided they are nineteen years of age. On transfer to the Reserve or discharge, they are to receive 1s. 6d. per day, the Colour service up to a limit of £12; if, however, they serve until they are entitled to a pension, the gratuity is only. All men enlisted prior to April 1895, were offered an opportunity of availing themselves of these conditions, and practically all have accepted them. It is very probable that the same will be done for the conditions as they come into date.

The Return shows that the total number of recruits enlisted for the Regular Army during 1898 was 40,720; with the accession of the year 1899, during which 41,059 were raised, this is the largest number of recruits taken in any year since the introduction of short service. At the commencement of the year the total strength of the Army was 212,393 non-commissioned officers and men; and on December 31, 1898, the numbers had reached 222,373 non-commissioned officers and men, an increase of 9,980.

This increase was not, however, entirely due to recruiting, special inducements being offered to Reservists to rejoin

Colours, of which 4,474 men availed themselves. The Second Class Army Reserve is practically extinct, and now consists of a few old men in the Reserve of 1867, who are retained until they complete their service for pension, and thirty encephalic pensioners. During the past year, as compared with 1897, there was an increase of 682 in the recruits enlisted for the Militia, but, at the same time, large numbers were culled in various classes of waste, with the result that the Militia strength showed a loss of 1,814 during the year. The weakness in the Militia from various causes amounted in round numbers, to 40,000 per annum.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Stranding of the 'China'

London, March 26.—The re-hearing of the investigation into the stranding of the P. and O. steamer *China*, by the Admiralty Court, has been concluded. The Court decided that Mr Crawford, the second officer of the *China*, had not failed in his duty, and disagreed with the finding of the Court at Aden for censuring Mr Crawford.

As the master's certificate was suspended the Court made no further order regarding him.

Football.
The Association football match between Scotland and Ireland has resulted in defeat of Ireland by nine goals to one.

The Boat Race.
March 26.—The boat race yesterday rowed in a strongish south-west wind Cambridge winning the toss chose the Cambridge side and led for the first five minutes.

when Oxford, rowing powerfully, overtook and passed them. Cambridge, quicker again, led at Hammersmith by half a length. Here roughish water affected the Oxford crew, who were beginning to tire.

Chiswick, Cambridge was ahead by a half length, and this was increased to four lengths by Barnes' bridge, although his men were exhausted, finally.

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On demand.
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30 days' sight, (private paper)
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British str.	3870	Apr. 1	1 Dowdell & Co., Limited		
Japan. str.	3133	Apr. 1	2 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Japan. str.	1886	Apr. 1	3 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Rotterdam	April 14.
Amer. str.	1892	Apr. 1	4 Wm. Beecher & Co.		
British str.	1972	Apr. 1	5 Wm. Livingston & Co.		
British str.	1978	Apr. 1	6 Butterfield & Swire		
Amer. str.	543	Apr. 1	7 Order		
British str.	1823	Apr. 1	8 Butterfield & Swire		
British str.	1972	Apr. 1	9 Harland, Matheson & Co.	St. Peter & Quatre	April 13.
British str.	1972	Apr. 1	10 Harland, Matheson & Co.		
British str.	1982	Apr. 1	11 Bradley & Co.		
Ger. str.	1972	Apr. 1	12 Johnson & Co.		
Amer. str.	670	March 28	13 Dowdell & Co., Limited	Portland, Or.	April 15.
British str.	2093	Apr. 1	14 Sheehan, Tennes & Co.	Manila	April 14.
Brit. str.	933	Apr. 1	15 Sheehan, Tennes & Co.		
British str.	4610	Apr. 1	16 Dowdell & Co., Ltd.		
British str.	974	Apr. 1	17 Douglas Steamship Co.	Ancon and Tameal	April 14.
Amer. str.	9301	Apr. 1	18 Douglas Steamship Co.	San Francisco	April 15.
Ger. str.	1773	Apr. 1	19 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
British str.	1773	Apr. 1	20 Johnson & Co.		
British str.	2907	Apr. 1	21 Harland, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	April 15.
French str.	713	Apr. 1	22 Chinese		
French str.	703	Apr. 1	23 A. R. Marry	K'loon Dock	
French str.	709	Apr. 1	24 A. R. Marry		
Ger. str.	962	Apr. 1	25 Johnson & Co.		
French str.	508	Apr. 1	26 A. R. Marry		
French str.	704	Jan. 5	27 A. R. Marry	K'loon Dock	
Ger. str.	333	Apr. 7	28 Sander, Weiler & Co.		
British str.	1332	Apr. 12	29 Butterfield & Swire		
Ger. str.	1770	Apr. 13	30 Johnson & Co.		
Ger. str.	1112	Apr. 10	31 Douglas		
Ger. str.	963	Apr. 12	32 Douglas Steamship Co.		
Ger. str.	2233	Apr. 19	33 Canavella & Co.		
British str.	1811	Feb. 28	34 Yuen Fat Hong	Canton Dock	
Ger. str.	987	Apr. 1	35 Samson & Co.		
British str.	5913	Apr. 1	36 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Japan. str.	1892	Apr. 1	37 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Yokohama, &c.	To-day
British str.	304	Apr. 1	38 Butterfield & Swire	Manila	April 15.
Ger. str.	1813	Apr. 1	39 Samson & Co.		
British str.	895	Apr. 1	40 Douglas Steamship Co.	Dayton & Panama	April 14.
Japan. str.	1892	Apr. 1	41 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
British str.	1152	Apr. 1	42 Dowdell & Co., Limited		
British str.	1883	Apr. 1	43 Butterfield & Swire		
Amer. str.	978	Apr. 1	44 Sheehan, Tennes & Co.	Manila	April 14.
Ger. str.	1369	Mar. 21	45 Winkler, Korbner & Co.		
Amer. str.	13	Mar. 22	46 Moser	K'loon Dock	
Brit. str.	1178	Mar. 11	47 Standard Oil Co.		
Brit. str.	1192	Jan. 20	48 Moser		
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